

# COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:

# NICKNAME

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Nickname is a grade one winning juvenile by one of the world's most in-demand sires.

Nickname's grade one triumph came in the Frizette Stakes. First run in 1945, the Frizette is firmly established as one of North America's most prestigious contests for two-year-old fillies. The honor roll of Frizette winners is filled with outstanding performers who went on to become extremely important producers – among them My Dear Girl, Priceless Gem, Regal Gleam, Numbered Account, Heavenly Prize, Flanders, Preach, and Shuvee, as well as Meadow Star, third dam of Arrogate – and exceptional fillies Bowl of Flowers, Cicada, Tosmah, Queen Empress, Queen of the Stage, Forward Gal, La Prevoyante, Smart Angle, Princess Rooney, Personal Ensign, Golden Attraction, Storm Song, Surfside, Storm Flag Flying, Devil May Care, My Miss Aurelia, Dreaming of Julia, and By the Moon. In fact, on more than 25 occasions the Frizette winner has gone on to be crowned Champion Two-Year-Old Filly.

Nickname came into the Frizette Stakes off an impressive tally in a Saratoga maiden special weight. In the Frizette, Nickname always looked in command tracking the leader from a wide position, then drawing off to score by 3½ lengths.

A remarkably consistent performer, in her nine starts since breaking her maiden Nickname has only once finished worse than third, and that when fourth to Songbird – after being bumped at the start – in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I). She has garnered seconds in the Honeybee Stakes (gr. III), Beaumont Stakes (gr. III) (beaten just ¾ length), Martha Washington Stakes, and Southern Truce Stakes, and a third in the Eight Belles Stakes (gr. II).

Nickname is the most accomplished U.S. dirt runner for her sire, the late Scat Daddy. The Leading Freshman Sire of his crop, Scat Daddy rapidly established himself as a very important international sire. Now the sire of nearly 90 stakes winners, more than 50 of them graded winners, his stars include such brilliant runners as No Nay Never, Caravaggio, and Lady Aurelia in Europe, and U.S. grade one winners Dacita, Lady of Shamrock, Celestine, and Harmonize.

Nickname and the multiple stakes placed Hey Mike are the first foal of her dam, the multiple stakes placed Nina Fever. That mare has a two-year-old filly by Stay Thirsty, a 2017 colt by Empire Maker, and is bred to Tapit. Nickname's second dam is out of Good Potential, winner of the Sorority Stakes (gr. III) and Somethingroyal Stakes, and was also three times graded placed, including when third in the Spinaway Stakes (gr. I). Good Potential is a sister to the graded stakes producing Cross Tab, and half-sister to Nicole Rene (dam of stakes winner First

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Shot and granddam of stakes winner Air Julie), and to Miss Magistrate (dam of graded winner Maggies Pistol, granddam of stakes winner Yes He's A Pistol, and third dam of the grade one winning millionaire Comma to the Top). In direct female line, Nickname traces to the legendary La Troienne via Comic Relief, a very close relative to Buckpasser.

A fast, precocious, and consistent grade one winner, Nickname is out of a young 100% stakes producing mare who has some exciting foals to come. She is a by a stallion whose current yearlings are among the most sought after around, and traces to a legendary tap-root mare through a close relative to a breed-shaping stallion.

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